

Memo

To: Columbus Redevelopment Commission
From: David Hayward PE, City Engineer
Date: August 11, 2016
Re: Walesboro Area Improvements

The City, in cooperation with representatives of Faurecia and the Columbus Economic Development Board (EDB) have designed improvements along Road 450S in the Walesboro/Woodside area. The improvements are intended to improve traffic safety and to increase the efficiency of vehicular movements. The improvements are further defined as follows:

1. Intersection of 450S & Old Lane (entrance to Woodside Business Park)
 - a. Pavement widening to allow separation of left turn movements from thru traffic
 - b. Traffic signal improvements
 - c. Drainage improvements
2. Intersection of 450S & Faurecia Tech Center
 - a. Pavement widening for installation of an eastbound passing blister
3. Intersection of 450S and new Faurecia facility
 - a. Pavement widening for installation of an eastbound passing blister
4. Intersection of SR 58 and International Drive
 - a. Installation of a new traffic signal by INDOT with participation of City and businesses

Early this year, Faurecia completed construction of a new, state of the art manufacturing facility along 450S. They are currently hiring and training staff for the facility. When fully operational, the facility will employ 131 people.

In order to support Faurecia's investment in Columbus, EDB received a \$250,000 matching grant from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) to be used for off-site improvements.

Faurecia has indicated that projects 1, 2, and 3 are high priorities for their employees.

The estimated total costs and schedules for these projects are as follows:

1. 450S & Old Lane	\$410,000	November, 2016
2. 450S & Faurecia Tech Center	\$60,000	November, 2016
3. 450S & new Faurecia facility	\$55,000	November, 2016
4. SR 58 & International Drive	\$25,000	2017 or 2018
Total	\$550,000	

In order to complete these improvements with IEDC matching funds, the City share of the cost will be \$300,000. This will be used to match the IEDC grant and to leverage INDOT and private contributions toward the traffic signal.